1	UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE
2	GREENEVILLE
3	TREVOR FERLEY, . DOCKET NO. CV-2-12-51
4	PLAINTIFF, .
5	VS. GREENEVILLE, TN
6	. SEPTEMBER 17, 2013 WATAUGA ORTHOPAEDIC, PLC, .
7	DEFENDANT
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10	TRANSCRIPT OF DEFENDANT'S OPENING STATEMENT BEFORE THE HONORABLE J. RONNIE GREER
11	UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE, AND A JURY
12 13	APPEARANCES:
14 15	FOR THE PLAINTIFF: THE HAYNES FIRM OLEN G. HAYNES, ESQ. P.O. BOX 1879 JOHNSON CITY, TN 37605-1879
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25	PROCEEDINGS RECORDED BY MECHANICAL STENOGRAPHY, TRANSCRIPT PRODUCED BY COMPUTER.

MR. HERNDON: IF IT PLEASE THE COURT AND MEMBERS OF THE JURY:

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I HAVEN'T REALLY GOTTEN TO TALK TO YOU YET. MY
NAME IS CHIP HERNDON, AND I REPRESENT WATAUGA ORTHOPAEDICS
AND DR. AIKEN WHO IS SITTING WITH ME AT THE TABLE TODAY.
NOW, WHAT LAWYERS SAY UP HERE IS NOT PROOF, AND I'M NOT A
DOCTOR. IF I SAY SOMETHING THAT'S CONTRADICTED LATER ON,
HOLD THAT AGAINST ME, NOT MY CLIENT; BUT WE HAVE A
DIFFERENT TAKE ON THIS MATTER THAN MR. HAYNES.

I LIKE TO CALL THIS KIND OF LIKE A TV GUIDE
THING WHERE IT TELLS YOU WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO SEE COMING
FROM THE WITNESS STAND, IT KIND OF HELPS YOU TO PROCESS IT
AS IT COMES IN. SO I'M GOING TO TRY TO LAY OUT FOR YOU
WHAT I THINK THE PROOF IS GOING TO SHOW TO HELP YOU IN
THAT WAY.

I'M GOING TO BEGIN THE STORY, WE KIND OF WENT OVER THIS LIGHTLY, BUT IT WAS REALLY KIND OF A REALLY BEAUTIFUL DAY IN OCTOBER 19TH IN THE YEAR 2010. THERE WAS A WOMAN NAMED KRISTY MOORE, SHE IS AN EMT, AND MS. MOORE WAS SITTING IN A DRIVEWAY ON A LITTLE TWO-LANE ROAD UP THERE IN SOUTHWESTERN VIRGINIA WAITING FOR HER CHILD TO COME HOME FROM SCHOOL, AND MS. MOORE LOOKS UP AND SEES THIS MOTORCYCLE COMING UP OVER THE HILL TRAVELING AT A HIGH RATE OF SPEED. SHE WILL TELL YOU FROM THE WITNESS STAND THAT THIS MOTORCYCLE WAS DOING 60 TO 70 MILES AN

HOUR; THAT THAT MOTORCYCLE LOST CONTROL, WENT INTO A DITCH, HIT A CULVERT, WENT AIRBORNE, STRUCK MAILBOXES AND WOUND UP A LONG WAY DOWN THE ROAD. THE STATE TROOPER IS GOING TO TELL YOU EXACTLY HOW FAR DOWN THE ROAD THAT WAS.

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SHE WAS AN EMT, AND SHE RAN UP, AND SHE SAID,

MR. FERLEY LOOKED LIKE HE WAS CUT IN HALF, FOLDED IN HALF

WITH LEGS UP AROUND HIS SHOULDERS. I MEAN, IT SOUNDS KIND

OF ANTISEPTIC TODAY SAYING, WELL, HE WAS IN A SEVERE

VEHICULAR ACCIDENT. IT WAS AWFUL. SHE DIDN'T EVEN

ATTEMPT TO MANIPULATE OR MANEUVER HIM; BUT SHE DID HAVE

THE NUMBERS ON HER CELL PHONE, AND SHE WAS ABLE TO TELL

THE MINUTE SHE TOOK A LOOK AT MR. FERLEY, I BETTER GET THE

HELICOPTER UP HERE; AND SO THE HELICOPTER WAS DISPATCHED

IMMEDIATELY. THE EMERGENCY WORKERS GOT THERE JUST LIKE

THAT, AND HE WAS AT THE HOSPITAL IN JOHNSON CITY IN 40

MINUTES.

HIS LUNGS WERE FAILING AT THE SCENE, AND HE HAD TO BE INTUBATED. NOW, THAT'S NO SMALL THING. THAT'S WHEN SOMEBODY IS BREATHING FOR YOU. THEY PUT IT DOWN INTO YOUR LUNGS, AND THEY START BREATHING FOR YOU. THAT'S NOT JUST ARTIFICIAL RESPIRATION, THAT'S WHERE THEY'RE ACTUALLY BREATHING FOR YOU WITH A MACHINE, AND THEY STARTED BREATHING FOR HIM THERE AT THE SCENE. AND, YES, HEY GOT HIM TO THE JOHNSON CITY MEDICAL CENTER QUICKLY.

HE WAS SEEN BY A NUMBER OF VERY SKILLED TRAUMA

PEOPLE, DR. COBBLE, WE'LL BE CALLING HER AND YOU CAN HEAR HER TESTIMONY; DR. LOCKETT WHO IS IN SOUTH CAROLINA NOW, AND HE'S NOT AVAILABLE, BUT SEVERAL PHYSICIANS LOOKED AT HIM; AND, YES, HE DID, HE DID HAVE INJURIES. WE KIND OF WENT OVER THOSE VERY BRIEFLY WITH MR. HAYNES, BUT YOU NEED TO UNDERSTAND WHAT THESE INJURIES REALLY WERE.

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STARTING WITH THE RIGHT LEG. YEAH, HE DID HAVE
A FRACTURE TO HIS FEMUR. ACTUALLY WHAT REALLY HAPPENED
WAS HIS FEMUR WAS BROKEN JUST LIKE THAT AND HAD COME RIGHT
ON OUT OF HIS LEG; THAT WAS THE RIGHT LEG. THE LEFT LEG,
HE HAD A HIP DISLOCATION THAT AS ONE DOCTOR WILL TELL YOU
IS PROBABLY THE SECOND WORST ONE HE HAS EVER SEEN IN HIS
LIFE. IT WAS NOT ONLY PUSHED IN AND FRACTURED, BUT IT WAS
RIPPED RIGHT OUT OF THE SOCKET.

MOVING ON UP, WE DIDN'T HEAR ABOUT HIS BACK.

HE FRACTURED HIS BACK IN TWO PLACES. HIS CLAVICLE, HIS -WHAT WE CALL THE COLLAR BONE. HE HAD A FIRST RIB FRACTURE
WHICH TAKES TREMENDOUS VELOCITY TO FRACTURE. HE HAD
FRACTURES OF HIS RADIUS AND HIS ULNAR BONE IN THE LEFT
HAND, WHICH IS DESCRIBED IN ONE PLACE AS ALMOST RIPPING
HIS LEFT ARM OFF, AND HE HAD A HUMERUS FRACTURE MOST
LIKELY FROM THE MEDICAL RECORDS FROM SUSTAINING BLOWS SO
SEVERE TO HIS RIGHT ARM THAT IT ALMOST RIPPED HIS RIGHT
ARM OFF. HE HAD NOT JUST A LITTLE CUT BETWEEN HIS
FINGERS, BUT HE HAD A RIP BETWEEN THESE TWO FINGERS OF HIS

RIGHT HAND THAT NECESSITATED SURGERY INTO THE END OF HIS HAND. HIS SPLEEN WAS RUPTURED. HIS CHEST, HIS, HIS PULMONARY CHEST WAS BRUISED AND CONTUSED, AND, LITERALLY, THEY HAD TO STICK TUBES INTO WOUND UP BOTH SIDES OF HIS CHEST JUST TO -- BECAUSE HE HAD AIR BETWEEN HIS LUNGS AND HIS CHEST WALL, JUST SO THEY COULD EXPAND WITH THE MACHINE BREATHING FOR HIM. I MEAN, THESE WERE SEVERE, CRITICAL, TERRIBLE AWFUL INJURIES.

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NOW, THE FIRST THING THEY TRIED TO DO WAS GET HIM STABILIZED AND GET HIM TO SURGERY SO THEY COULD GET THESE AWFUL, SOME OF THESE WORST INJURIES STABILIZED. DR. AIKEN HAPPENED TO BE -- HE WASN'T ACTUALLY EVEN ON CALL, HE JUST VOLUNTEERED TO DO THIS. HE IS WHAT'S CALLED A TRAUMA SPECIALIST, PROBABLY AS WELL TRAINED IF NOT BETTER TRAINED THAN JUST ABOUT ANYBODY YOU'LL HEAR FROM IN THIS ENTIRE CASE. HE'S TAUGHT IT AROUND THE WORLD. HE'S BEEN, TAUGHT IT AT OTHER COUNTRIES, HE'S TAUGHT IT TO THE DOCTORS. HE'S A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL MEDICAL DISASTER SERVICE. THEY SENT HIM A GOVERNMENT I.D. AND A GOVERNMENT CREDIT CARD. IF THERE'S A NATIONAL DISASTER, THEY'RE CALLING HIM TO COME THERE. YOU REMEMBER THE BOSTON BOMBING THAT WE HAD A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO AND THE TEXAS EXPLOSION. HE DIDN'T GET A CALL YESTERDAY BECAUSE IT WAS MOSTLY GUN SHOT WOUNDS, BUT HE IS EXTREMELY WELL TRAINED, EXTREMELY QUALIFIED; HAS TREATED SPORTS TEAMS EVERYWHERE,

ATHLETES, WORLD RECORD HOLDERS, REALLY WELL TRAINED. AND HE COMES IN AND DOES AN AMAZING JOB WITH MR. FERLEY.

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HE STABILIZES AND GETS HIS LEFT HIP BACK INTO
THE SOCKET, BUT HE HAS TO HAVE THIS LEG IMMOBILIZED SO IT
CAN'T ABDUCT AND THROW THE SOCKET OUT OF JOINT. THE RIGHT
LEG, HE GETS THAT PINNED; AND, OF COURSE, IT'S FIXED, AND
YOU'LL SEE PICTURES OF THESE THINGS, WE'VE GOT PICTURES OF
ALL THIS STUFF. AND, OF COURSE, IT'S WRAPPED WITH AN ACE
BANDAGE ALL THE WAY TO HIS FOOT, AND THE REASON FOR THAT
IS, OF COURSE, TO KEEP THE SWELLING DOWN AS WELL AS TO
PROTECT THE LEG. HIS LEFT ARM, HE GOES IN AND HE HAS TO
PUT PINS IN THAT, AND HE PUTS PINS IN IT AND GETS A
PERFECT REDUCTION, AND PINS THAT AND WRAPS THAT. HE THEN
GOES INTO THE RIGHT HAND, AND HE FIXES THAT, WHERE HE'S
RIPPED HIS HAND OPEN, AND HE WRAPS THAT. THEN HE TURNS
HIS ATTENTION TO THE RIGHT HUMERUS.

WE'RE GOING TO HEAR A LOT ABOUT THE RIGHT
HUMERUS, BUT THIS IS KIND OF WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE. YOU'RE
GOING TO SEE THE X-RAY. IT LOOKS KIND OF LIKE THAT,
THAT'S KIND OF WHAT THE BONES LOOKED LIKE. THEY'RE KIND
OF LIKE THAT. AND THE MECHANISM, WHAT HAPPENS IS THE
BONES ARE TOGETHER; AND WHEN YOU TAKE THIS TREMENDOUS BLOW
RIGHT HERE, IT SHEARS -- THESE BONES ARE TOUGH BONES,
THEY'RE THE BIG BONES. YOU KNOW, YOU'VE GOT A BIG BONE
HERE AND A BIG BONE THERE. IT TEARS THOSE BONES APART,

AND THEN THEY COME BACK TOGETHER LIKE THIS.

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AND WHAT'S INTERESTING ABOUT WHERE THIS IS,

IT'S ABOUT MID SHAFT OF WHAT THEY CALL THE HUMERUS, ABOUT

RIGHT HERE, WHAT IS INTERESTING ABOUT THAT IS IF YOU LOOK

AT ANATOMY PHOTOGRAPHS -- AND I HAD ONE UP HERE I WAS

GOING TO SHOW YOU, BUT I'M JUST GOING TO TELL YOU ABOUT

IT. THE RADIAL NERVE JUST GOES RIGHT, IT'S RIGHT NEXT TO

THE BONE WHERE THIS HAPPENED. WHAT THEY CALL THE RADIAL

NERVE, IT'S JUST RIGHT NEXT TO THE BONE. WELL, THERE'S NO

WAY YOU CAN TAKE THAT BONE AND GO "BOOM BOOM" WITHOUT NOT

ONLY STRETCHING THAT NERVE, BUT THERE ARE OTHER NERVES UP

THERE TOO THAT ARE GETTING RIPPED AND TORN AND PULLED AND

TENSE; BUT PARTICULARLY THE RADIAL NERVE, WHICH IS RIGHT

UP NEXT TO THE BONE. YOU'LL SEE WHERE IT IS IN THE

ANATOMY STUFF; BUT --

AND SO DOES THAT MEAN HE'S GOING TO LOSE

FUNCTION OF THE RADIAL NERVE? NO, YOU DON'T KNOW. YOU

CAN'T TELL SOMETIMES FOR WEEKS. DOES TISSUE TAKE A

TREMENDOUS BEATING? YES, IT DOES. HOW BAD? WELL, YOU

CAN'T SEE UNDER THE SKIN. SOMETIMES YOU DON'T KNOW FOR

WEEKS HOW THE INJURY IS GOING TO, USE A TERM THAT'S BEEN

USED IN THE TESTIMONY, DECLARE ITSELF. IT TAKES A WHILE

SOMETIMES FOR THESE INJURIES TO DECLARE THEMSELVES.

HE WAS TREATED WITH WHAT'S CALLED A COAPTATION SPLINT. DR. WILLIAMSON, MR. HAYNES, THE GUY YOU'RE GOING

TO HEAR TOMORROW, THE GUY FROM VIRGINIA BEACH WHO DIDN'T KNOW WHO HIRED HIM IN THE CASE AND DIDN'T KNOW HOW HE BECAME INVOLVED IN IT WHEN I ASKED HIM, HE'S GOING TO COME IN AND TELL YOU THAT THEY SHOULD HAVE PUT AN EX-FIX, WHAT'S CALLED AN EX-FIX ON IT, WHICH IS EXTERNAL THINGS THAT YOU POKE THROUGH THE SKIN AND LATCH ONTO THE BONE. HE'S GOING TO TELL YOU THAT YOU SHOULD HAVE DONE THAT.

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THE PEOPLE WE'RE GOING TO PRESENT SAY THAT'S KIND OF BIZARRE, WE HAVEN'T DONE THAT IN 20 YEARS. I MEAN, PEOPLE DON'T DO THAT ANY MORE. AS A MATTER OF FACT, IT'S QUESTIONED IN THE 2012 ORTHOPEDIC CERTIFICATION EXAMINE, HOW DO YOU HANDLE THESE MULTIPLE TRAUMAS WITH A FRACTURED HUMERUS, YOU DO IT WITH A COAPTATION SPLINT.

YOU KNOW, THE ONLY -- DR. WILLIAMSON WILL TELL
YOU HE SHOULD HAVE PUT AN EX-FIX ON, BUT PEOPLE CAN TELL
YOU YOU OUGHT TO PUT A HOLE IN YOUR HEAD TOO; BUT
DR. AIKEN TREATED HIM THE ACCEPTABLE WAY THAT PEOPLE DO
THAT, PARTICULARLY PEOPLE THAT HAVE TRAUMA KNOWLEDGE AND
TRAUMA SPECIALTY, AND HE PUT A COAPTATION SPLINT. WE'VE
GOT ONE, AND WE'LL SHOW IT TO YOU AS WE GET INTO THE CASE;
BUT IT'S KIND OF LIKE A QUASI-CAST. IT'S KIND OF LIKE A,
IT'S -- LOOKS KIND OF LIKE THAT. IT GOES FROM YOUR
AXILLA, THIS IS YOUR AXILLA, YOUR ARMPIT, IT. THEY WRAP
YOUR ARM IN A VERY SOFT PADDING, AND THEN THEY TAKE A

YOUR ELBOW AND THEN BACK UP THE OTHER SIDE. AND IT'S WET WHEN IT GOES ON, BUT IT HARDENS VERY QUICKLY. SO IT'S KIND OF LIKE HAVING A CAST SHAPED LIKE A C, SORT OF LIKE THAT. AND WE'LL HAVE PICTURES OF HOW YOU PUT THAT ON AND A LITTLE VIDEO SHOWING HOW YOU PUT THAT ON. BUT THE NICE THING ABOUT A COAPTATION SPLINT IS IT ALLOWS FOR SWELLING AND IT ALLOWS FOR PALPATION ON BOTH SIDES SO -- AND, YES, HE PUT AN ACE WRAP ON. HE WRAPPED HIM FROM THE WRIST ALL THE WAY TO HIS SHOULDER, JUST LIKE HIS LEG WAS WRAPPED UP AND JUST LIKE YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO DO IT. HE DID IT THE ACCEPTABLE WAY.

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MR. FERLEY REMAINED INTUBATED. THEY KEPT
BREATHING FOR HIM. TO USE THE EXPRESSION I THINK ONE
DOCTOR USED, HE WAS IN AN INDUCED COMA. IT WASN'T TRULY A
COMA, AND THEY COULD CUT OFF STUFF AND WAKE HIM UP A
LITTLE BIT; BUT HE WAS INTUBATED WHERE THEY WERE BREATHING
FOR HIM FOR -- UNTIL ALMOST, UNTIL REAL LATE IN THE DAY ON
THE 25TH. SO HE WAS INTUBATED AT THE SCENE ON THE 19TH
AND INTUBATION CAME OUT ON THE 25TH.

HE WAS SEEN BY A VARIETY OF PHYSICIANS. HE WAS SEEN BY EVERYTHING FROM TRAUMA SURGEONS TO TRAUMA RESIDENTS TO ORTHOPEDIC SURGEONS TO PHYSICIANS ASSISTANTS. HE WAS SEEN BY A VARIETY OF PHYSICIANS. THEY WERE LOOKING AT HIM, THEY WERE EXAMINING HIM, THEY WERE FEELING HIS ARM.

I'M GOING TO JUMP A LITTLE BIT AHEAD, AND I'M GOING TO SAY A COUPLE OF THINGS ABOUT COMPARTMENT SYNDROME. FIRST OF ALL, IT'S VERY RARE, AND IT'S VERY RARE PARTICULARLY WHEN YOU'RE, WHEN YOU'VE GOT A HUMERAL FRACTURE TO HAVE SOMETHING LIKE THAT IN THE LOWER ARM. WE DON'T THINK HE EVER HAD COMPARTMENT SYNDROME. IT'S VERY RARE; BUT WHAT WE DO KNOW ABOUT COMPARTMENT SYNDROME IS IT'S GENERALLY AN ACUTE CONDITION. IT HAPPENS IN THE FIRST 24 TO 48 HOURS, MAYBE A LITTLE BIT LONGER, BUT THAT'S GENERALLY THE TIME FRAME.

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NOW, IF YOU READ, IF YOU READ THE TEXT BOOKS, IT WILL TELL YOU THERE'S FIVE THINGS, WAYS THAT YOU DIAGNOSE IT, THE FIVE, WHAT THEY CALL THE FIVE P'S; BUT WHAT THEY'RE BASICALLY LOOKING AT IS HOW IS YOUR CIRCULATION, WHAT'S THE CIRCULATION LIKE, IS THAT CUT OFF.

WELL, HE ALWAYS HAD GOOD CIRCULATION RIGHT UP
UNTIL NOVEMBER 2ND WHEN THEY DID THE SURGERY; BUT THE
THING THAT THE DOCTORS REALLY -- THE DIAGNOSTICIANS AND
WHAT THEY REALLY LOOK AT IS HOW FIRM IS THIS TISSUE. YOU
SEE IT IN THE ARMS AND THE LEGS, AND WHAT THEY TELL YOU IS
IF YOU HAVE COMPARTMENT SYNDROME, IT FEELS LIKE THAT. IF
YOU RAPPED ON THAT BENCH RIGHT THERE IN FRONT OF YOU,
THAT'S WHAT IT FEELS LIKE. IT BECOMES A VERY TENSE
COMPARTMENT, AND HE NEVER HAD THAT.

DR. AIKEN TREATED HIM THE FIRST DAY. THE

SECOND DAY HE WAS THERE, HE WAS PALPATING HIS ARM, HE WAS FEELING IT. WE'RE GOING TO HAVE SOME ACE BANDAGES. YOU CAN SEE WHETHER YOU CAN PALPATE AN ARM. HE SAYS IT'S NO PROBLEM PALPATING AN ARM THROUGH AN ACE BANDAGE. IT'S KIND OF LIKE MY COAT HERE OR YOUR SHIRT OR SOMETHING; BUT WE'LL ENTER SOME ACE WRAPS INTO EVIDENCE SO YOU CAN SEE FOR YOURSELF WHAT IT FEELS LIKE, IF YOU CAN FEEL THROUGH IT; BUT HE WAS EXAMINED EVERY DAY.

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NOW, I AGREE THAT -- I THINK HE PUT UP

SOMETHING THAT SAID, WELL, THE FIRST TIME THEY EVER

REMOVED THE BANDAGE WAS ON THE 27TH AND IT SHOWED THIS AND

THAT. THAT'S NOT TRUE. DR. AIKEN WAS LOOKING AT THE

FRACTURE BLISTERS ON HIS ARM ON THE 26TH.

WHAT ARE FRACTURE BLISTERS? FRACTURE BLISTERS ARE CAUSED WHEN YOU HAVE SEVERE TRAUMA. FRACTURE BLISTERS AREN'T CAUSED BY COMPARTMENT SYNDROME. THEY CAN, BUT MOST OF THE TIME THEY'RE CAUSED BY SEVERE TRAUMA. WE'VE GOT ONE FELLOW THAT TESTIFIED THAT HE'S BEEN DOING IT FOR 40 YEARS AND HE'S NEVER SEEN A FRACTURE BLISTER CAUSED BY A COMPARTMENT SYNDROME, IT'S ALWAYS CAUSED BY A SEVERE INJURY; AND THAT INJURY IS A SHEARING OF THE DERMIS AND THE EPIDERMIS, THE OUTER LAYERS OF THE SKIN, A SHEARING OF THAT; AND AS THE TISSUE SWELLS, IT GETS TO BE FLUID IN IT. AND WHAT IT'S A SIGN OF IS, HEY, THIS INJURY IS DECLARING ITSELF, THIS IS GOING TO BE A PRETTY SIGNIFICANT INJURY.

THERE'S NOTHING YOU CAN DO AT THAT POINT IN TIME, YOU JUST HAVE TO SEE HOW IT'S GOING TO DO.

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HE STARTS DEVELOPING FRACTURE BLISTERS. HE

DEVELOPS ONE RIGHT HERE. YOU'LL HEAR A LOT ABOUT THE

ANTECUBITAL FOSSA. THAT'S THIS JOINT RIGHT HERE, RIGHT IN

THE CROOK OF YOUR ARM; AND HE DEVELOPS AN AREA HERE. THEY

CALL IT A BURN. YOU KNOW WHY? BECAUSE IT LOOKED LIKE

DEAD SKIN; AND THAT'S WHAT IT WAS, IT WAS DEAD. IT GOT

HIT SO HARD. IT'S LIKE IF YOU THINK ABOUT HOW HARD YOU'D

HAVE TO HIT WITH A BASEBALL BAT TO LITERALLY KILL THE SKIN

IN YOUR ARM, BOTH ABOVE AND BELOW THE ELBOW, NO QUESTION

ABOUT THAT.

AND THAT'S WHY DR. FOLEY WAS CALLED IN. HE WAS CALLED IN TO REPAIR A BURN, ONLY THERE WASN'T A BURN IN THIS AREA, IT WAS JUST DEAD SKIN. SO DR. FOLEY COMES IN. HE, HE SUPPOSEDLY EXAMINES THE ARM. HE DOESN'T SUSPECT COMPARTMENT SYNDROME. HE -- NOBODY HAS EVER SAID ANYTHING ABOUT THAT EVER. OUT OF 15 PHYSICIANS THAT HAVE BEEN LOOKING AT MR. FERLEY AND NURSES AND PA'S AND EVERYBODY ELSE, HE COMES IN AND EXAMINES IT AND HE SAYS, YEP, I THINK I NEED TO DO A LITTLE SURGERY HERE. WE'RE GOING TO DO A SKIN GRAFT, SO WE'LL SCHEDULE HIM IN A COUPLE OF DAYS; AND THEN HE COMES BACK AND SEES HIM TWO OR THREE TIMES AFTER THAT AND NEVER MAKES A NOTE OF IT, BUT. SO, YEAH, HE SEES IT. HE DOESN'T SUSPECT ANYTHING LIKE THAT.

1 SO, FINALLY, NOVEMBER 2ND COMES AROUND. HE'S 2 NO LONGER, MR. FERLEY IS NO LONGER INTUBATED AT THAT TIME. 3 HE'S STILL BEING GIVEN A LOT OF PAIN MEDICATION AND OTHER 4 SUPPORTIVE KIND OF THINGS, BUT HIS PAIN READINGS ARE 5 NEVER -- WE'RE GOING TO SHOW THEM ALL TO YOU SO YOU CAN SEE. WE'VE KIND OF GOT IT GRAPHED OUT WHERE YOU CAN SEE 6 7 THEY SAY IF YOU'VE GOT COMPARTMENT WHAT THEY ARE. 8 SYNDROME, YOUR PAIN IS 11 ON A 1 TO 10, IT'S THAT BAD; BUT WE'LL SHOW THOSE TO YOU SO YOU'LL HAVE THE BENEFIT OF 9 SEEING ALL THAT. 10 11 BUT DR. FOLEY -- DR. JENKINS COMES IN. WHEN 12 THEY DO A SKIN GRAFT -- DO YOU WANT ME TO BREAK NOW, YOUR HONOR? 13 14 THE COURT: THEY'LL LET ME KNOW, THAT'S --15 MR. HERNDON: OKAY. 16 WHEN THEY DO A SKIN GRAFT ON YOUR ARM, YOU 17 KNOW, THEY TAKE SKIN AND THEY GRAFT IT ON, BUT YOU CAN'T 18 HAVE ANY MOVEMENT AT ALL, ZERO MOVEMENT; SO FOR THAT 19 REASON THEY REQUEST THAT THE ORTHOPEDIC SURGEONS PUT A PIN 2.0 IN THE ARM. SO WE SAID, FINE, WE'RE AVAILABLE. 2.1 DR. JENKINS COMES IN. DR. JENKINS TESTS THE ARM. HE 2.2 SAID, WELL, IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE I'M GETTING NERVE 2.3 FUNCTION BELOW THE FRACTURE SITE. HE TESTED ABOVE THE

ELBOW AND BELOW THE ELBOW, SAID, YOU KNOW, I'M JUST NOT

GETTING ANY NERVE RESPONSE. NOW, DOES THAT MEAN HE'S LOST

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THAT FOR GOOD? WHO KNOWS. YOU JUST CAN'T TELL BECAUSE
THOSE STRETCHED NERVES, SOMETIMES THEY REGENERATE,
SOMETIMES THEY DON'T. BUT HE SAID, I'M GETTING GREAT
PULSES. HE'S GOT GREAT PULSES DOWN HERE, HE'S GOT GREAT
CAPILLARY REFILL. THAT'S WHEN YOU PUSH ON IT AND IT TURNS
WHITE AND YOU WAIT TO SEE HOW LONG IT TAKES TO COLOR; BUT
THAT'S WORKING GOOD, HIS HAND IS NICE AND WARM, YOU KNOW;
BUT HE COULD TELL FROM LOOKING AT HIS ARM THAT HE THOUGHT
HE HAD A SIGNIFICANT TRAUMATIC INJURY, NOT COMPARTMENT
SYNDROME, BUT TRAUMATIC INJURY.

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AND HE MADE A NOTE, THIS WAS BEFORE ANY OF THIS STUFF HAD COME UP, RIGHT -- MOTORCYCLE COLLISION WITH MULTIPLE TRAUMATIC INJURIES. RIGHT PROXIMAL ONE THIRD HUMERUS FRACTURE. PATIENT NOTED TO HAVE SEVERE NEUROLOGICAL DEFICITS TO THE RIGHT UPPER EXTREMITY DISTAL TO THE FRACTURE. NOW, DISTAL MEANS AWAY FROM IT. SO WHERE THAT FRACTURE WAS, DISTAL TO THAT OR AWAY FROM THAT IS WHERE HE WAS HAVING HIS NEUROLOGICAL DEFICIT, WHAT I WAS TELLING YOU ABOUT. LIKELY SEVERE TRACTION NERVE INJURY AT THE TIME OF THE MOTORCYCLE COLLISION. AND HE GOES ON TO TALK ABOUT WHAT'S GOING TO BE ADDRESSED, AND HE DOES SAY, SEVERE NEUROLOGICAL INJURY, LIMITED PROGNOSIS OF NERVE TRAUMA.

NOW, YES, HE TOLD MR. FERLEY, HE SAID, YOU KNOW, I DON'T THINK, YOU KNOW, IT'S NOT LOOKING REAL GOOD

FOR YOUR ARM. I WISH IT WAS, BUT IT'S NOT; BUT WE'RE GOING TO, YOU KNOW, WE'RE GOING TO TRY AND DO OUR BEST, AND SO THEY -- WHEN DR., DR. AIKEN HAD ORIGINALLY FIXED IT, THEY DID WHAT'S CALLED A CLOSED REDUCTION BEFORE THEY PUT THE COAPTATION SPLINT ON IT AND GOT IT PERFECT. I MEAN, THEY CALLED IT A NEAR ANATOMIC ALIGNMENT. HE GOT IT PERFECT, AND YOU'LL SEE A PICTURE OF THAT TOO.

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SO WHAT THEY DO NOW IS THEY ACTUALLY PUT A PIN,
THEY ASK THEM TO COME IN AND PUT A PIN THROUGH THE UPPER
PART OF THE BONE ON DOWN THROUGH THE FRACTURE AND INTO THE
LOWER BONE, WHICH HE DOES AGAIN -- YOU'LL SEE A PICTURE OF
THAT -- PERFECTLY, AND HE GETS THE BONE IN THERE PERFECT.
NOW, HE'S NOT OPERATING DOWN IN HERE, EXCEPT HE GOES IN
AND CLEANS UP THE BLISTERS SO THE PLASTIC SURGEON WON'T
HAVE TO DO THAT. HE CLEANS THESE BLISTERS DOWN HERE ON
HIS HAND AND SO ON AND SO FORTH; BUT HE GETS THAT PIN IN
THERE, AND THEN DR. FOLEY COMES IN.

DR. FOLEY OPERATES, AND DR. JENKINS HAS LEFT.

I MEAN, HE'S GONE. HE'S DONE, HE'S DONE THE OPERATION,

AND HE'S GONE. DR. FOLEY COMES IN, DOES THIS OPERATION,

CUTS HIM AND SAYS, OH, WELL, I FOUND SOME DEAD TISSUE.

WELL, MAY BE, YOU KNOW, SOMETIMES YOU HAVE DEAD TISSUE IF

YOU HAVE A SEVERE CRUSH OR BLUNT FORCE INJURY. THAT'S WHY

WE ASKED YOU ABOUT BLUNT FORCE, WHEN YOU HAVE THAT AWFUL

BLUNT FORCE, YOU CAN LOSE TISSUE DOWN THERE. IS THERE

EXTERNAL SIGN OF INJURY? SURE, YOU'VE GOT FRACTURE
BLISTERS UP AND DOWN HIS ARM.

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THE COURT: MR. HERNDON, WOULD THIS BE A GOOD PLACE TO STOP AND LET YOU PICK UP WITH DR. FOLEY WHEN WE COME BACK?

MR. HERNDON: YES, YOUR HONOR.

THE COURT: LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I APOLOGIZE.

I DO HAVE TO ATTEND TO THIS MATTER. THE BREAK WILL BE

LONGER THAN USUAL. IT'S A PRETTY DAY OUTSIDE. IF ONE OF

THE OFFICERS DON'T MIND TAKING THEM OUTSIDE, IF THE WANT

TO GO OUTSIDE, THAT WILL BE FINE. HOPEFULLY IN ABOUT 20,

30 MINUTES WE WILL RESUME, SO WE'LL BE IN RECESS UNTIL

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(RECESS AT 3:07 P.M., UNTIL 3:23 P.M.)

THE COURT: ALL RIGHT. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,
AGAIN, I APOLOGIZE FOR THAT DELAY. THAT WAS ONE OF THOSE
ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES I WAS TALKING ABOUT TO YOU EARLIER
TODAY. WE'LL TRY OUR BEST TO KEEP THOSE AT A MINIMUM
DURING THE TRIAL. WE'RE READY TO CONTINUE.

MR. HERNDON, IF YOU NEED TO BACK UP AND REPEAT TO PROVIDE CONTINUITY, YOU MAY DO SO.

MR. HERNDON: WE WERE AT, WE WERE -- HAD MOVED UP TO NOVEMBER 2ND. KEEPING IN MIND THE ACCIDENT HAPPENED ON OCTOBER THE 19TH, THE 25TH HE WAS EXTUBATED, THE 26TH WAS WHEN THEY DISCOVERED THE FRACTURE BLISTERS ON HIS ARM,

THE 28TH WAS WHEN DR. FOLEY STARTS LOOKING AT HIS ANTECUBITAL FOSSA TO DO THE SKIN GRAFT BECAUSE THIS SKIN WAS ALREADY DEAD IN THE UPPER AND LOWER PORTION OF HIS ELBOW JOINT, AND THEN THE 2ND IS WHEN THEY WENT IN TO DO THE REPAIR.

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MR. HAYNES TOLD YOU SOMETHING ABOUT THE RECORDS DON'T HAVE THIS, THE RECORDS DON'T HAVE THAT, AND THE RECORDS DON'T HAVE ANYTHING ABOUT COMPARTMENT SYNDROME BECAUSE NOBODY, ALL THE PEOPLE THAT SAW HIM, NOBODY THOUGHT HE HAD THAT, NOT EVEN DR. FOLEY WHO HAD SEEN HIM MULTIPLE TIMES.

SO DR. FOLEY STARTS HIS OPERATION, AND HE SAYS, OH, THERE'S DEAD TISSUE IN HERE. YEAH, THAT CAN HAPPEN WHEN YOU HAVE SEVERE BLUNT FORCE TRAUMA. SOMETIMES IT TAKES A WHILE TO DECLARE ITSELF. CAUSE SWELLING? YES, IT CAUSES SWELLING. CAN IT CAUSE THIS? CAN IT CAUSE PAIN? YES, IT CAN CAUSE THAT. DOES IT SOMETIMES TAKE A WHILE TO SHOW ITSELF? YES.

WELL, ANYWAY, DR. FOLEY GOES IN, AND HE
OPERATES DOWN AND HE DISCOVERS SOME WHAT THEY CALL
NECROTIC TISSUE OR DEAD TISSUE DOWN THERE; AND SO HE SAYS,
WELL, I THINK I NEED TO AMPUTATE THE ARM. SO HE GOES OUT,
TALKS TO MRS. HALL, ANGIE HALL, AND SAYS, I REALLY NEED TO
TAKE THE ARM OFF. SO THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT HE DOES. AND
THEN HE GOES UP AND DOES AN OPERATIVE NOTE, AND IN HIS

OPERATIVE NOTE HE SAYS, I SUSPECT COMPARTMENT SYNDROME.

THAT'S EXACTLY THE WAY IT READS. I MEAN, THAT'S THE FIRST

TIME THAT'S EVER BEEN MENTIONED IN THE ENTIRE RECORD.

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NOW, YOU'LL NOTE THAT DR. FOLEY, WHO I COULDN'T TALK TO, BUT DID TALK TO MR. HAYNES, WAS NOT A PARTY TO THIS CASE, ALTHOUGH SEVERAL WERE AS HE INDICATED EARLIER, BUT HE WAS NOT. DR. FOLEY SAYS, WHEN I STARTED DOING MY INCISION, IT WAS AN OH CRAP MOMENT. HE SAID, I DIDN'T SUSPECT IT WHEN I WENT IN. HE SAID, WELL, WHAT ABOUT, WHAT ABOUT HIS ARM? HAD YOU REALLY EXAMINED HIS ARM? HAD YOU DONE A NEUROVASCULAR EXAM? NO, NEVER DID THAT. DID YOU EVEN KNOW HE HAD FRACTURE BLISTERS ON HIS FOREARM? NO, DIDN'T KNOW THAT. WELL, WHAT ABOUT THE SEVERE LACERATION BETWEEN THESE TWO FINGERS? NO, I DIDN'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THAT. I MEAN, THIS IS THE ARM HE'S SUPPOSED TO BE TREATING; BUT, ANYWAY, THAT'S WHAT HE PUTS IN THE RECORD, SUSPECTED COMPARTMENT SYNDROME.

AND HE'S OPERATING WITH A RESIDENT,

DR. MCPHERSON. YOU'LL HEAR FROM DR. MCPHERSON. SHE'D

NEVER BEEN INVOLVED IN THAT KIND OF SURGERY BEFORE, HAD

NEVER SEEN MR. FERLEY BEFORE, SHE JUST WANTED TO SEE IT.

SO SHE CAME IN, AND DR. FOLEY SAYS, WELL, I SUSPECT THIS

IS COMPARTMENT SYNDROME; SO SHE WRITES COMPARTMENT

SYNDROME IN THE NOTES AND THEN EVERYBODY THEREAFTER JUST

REPEATS IT.

WE DO NOT THINK -- AND IT'S OUR POSITION IN THE CASE THAT THERE WAS NOT A COMPARTMENT SYNDROME. AND, YOU KNOW, I'M GOING TO CALL, I DON'T KNOW, THERE ARE GOING TO BE A BUNCH THAT ARE GOING TO GET ON THE WITNESS STAND AND TELL YOU HOW THEY EXAMINED IT AND WHY THEY DIDN'T THINK HE EVER HAD THAT, BUT PARTICULARLY DURING THE FIRST 48 HOURS WHEN YOU SEE IT.

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YOU'RE GOING TO HEAR FROM THREE EXPERTS.

YOU'RE GOING TO HEAR FROM DR. WILLIAMSON FROM VIRGINIA

BEACH. I ASKED HIM IF HE KNEW WHAT THE STANDARD OF CARE

WAS IN JOHNSON CITY, HE SAID HE DIDN'T HAVE A CLUE. DID I

KNOW WHAT THE STANDARD OF CARE IS IN A LEVEL ONE TRAUMA

CENTER, BUT I DON'T HAVE A CLUE WHAT IT IS IN JOHNSON

CITY, THAT'S KIND OF A QUOTE; BUT HE'S MR. FERLEY'S

RETAINED EXPERT. HE'S THE SAME GUY THAT'S GOING TO TELL

YOU HE SHOULD HAVE PUT AN EX-FIX ON WHEN THEY TELL YOU

THAT'S NOT; BUT, ANYWAY, HE'S GOING TO SAY THEY SHOULD

HAVE DONE THIS AND THEY SHOULD HAVE DONE THAT IN HINDSIGHT

AND SO ON AND SO FORTH.

WE'RE CALLING TWO EXPERTS IN THE CASE. WE'RE
USING A DR. SMITH, HE'S WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE.
HE'S LOOKED AT THE RECORDS. HE WASN'T SEEING JUST A
LITTLE PIECE OF THE RECORDS LIKE DR. FOLEY WAS. DR. FOLEY
DIDN'T EVEN GET -- MR. HAYNES DIDN'T EVEN SEND HIM THE
WHOLE RECORD. HE SAID, I JUST LOOKED AT THESE LITTLE

THINGS, THESE FEW THINGS YOU SENT ME. YOU CAN SEE THAT ON HIS DEPOSITION. HE WAS SENT THE ENTIRE RECORD, THE DEPOSITIONS, THE TESTIMONY. DR. SMITH SAID, NOT COMPARTMENT SYNDROME, DIDN'T BEHAVE LIKE COMPARTMENT SYNDROME, DIDN'T LOOK LIKE IT, IT WASN'T COMPARTMENT

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SYNDROME.

YOU'RE GOING TO HEAR FROM DR. OBREMSKEY, THAT'S ONE OF THOSE LONG NAMES. HE'S KIND OF THE HEAD TRAUMA SURGEON DOWN THERE AT VANDERBILT IN NASHVILLE, AND HE SAID, NO, I DON'T THINK THIS WAS COMPARTMENT SYNDROME. HE LECTURES AROUND ON THIS ALL THE TIME; BUT HE SAID, NO, I DON'T THINK IT WAS COMPARTMENT SYNDROME.

SO, YOU KNOW, DR. AIKEN WILL TELL YOU THAT IT WASN'T COMPARTMENT SYNDROME, AND I THINK JUST ABOUT EVERYBODY THAT'S EVER TREATED HIM WILL SAY THAT; BUT WHEN YOU HAVE, YOU KNOW, AN AWFUL BLUNT TRAUMA INJURY, YOU KNOW, TISSUE DIES, AND NOW YOU GO BACK AND SAY, OH, WELL, YOU MUST HAVE HAD THIS OR MUST HAVE HAD THAT, THAT'S KIND OF WHAT WE'RE DOING HERE.

SO, THE COURT WILL INSTRUCT YOU, OF COURSE, ON THE LAW, AND THERE'S TWO THINGS THAT YOU HAVE TO CONSIDER, TWO ISSUES. NOT JUST WAS THERE MEDICAL NEGLIGENCE, THAT IS ONE DECISION THAT YOU'LL HAVE TO MAKE FOR THESE PEOPLE THAT SAVED HIS LIFE, GUILTY OF MEDICAL NEGLIGENCE. YOU'LL HAVE TO DECIDE THAT, BUT THE SECOND IS YOU HAVE TO DECIDE

WHAT CAUSED THE INJURY. WE SAY CAUSE IS THE SECOND PRONG.

I MEAN, IF YOU RUN A STOP SIGN, YOU DON'T HIT ANYBODY, YOU

KNOW; BUT CAUSE IS THE SECOND PART, AND THE COURT WILL

TELL YOU ABOUT CAUSE, NEGLIGENCE AND CAUSE. WE SAY NO

NEGLIGENCE AND WE DIDN'T CAUSE ANY DAMAGE, AND THOSE ARE

THE LIABILITY ISSUES THAT YOU ALL ARE GOING TO HAVE TO

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I KNOW YOU'LL LISTEN TO BOTH SIDES, I HOPE, AND WAIT UNTIL ALL OF IT IS IN BEFORE YOU START MAKING UP YOUR MINDS, AND PARTICULARLY SINCE WE'RE GOING TO BE STRUNG OUT FOR A WHILE. WE DON'T THINK THAT WE OWE MR. FERLEY DAMAGES, BUT WE DON'T DENY THAT HE LOST HIS ARM. GRIEVED ABOUT IT TOO. WE CONTINUED TO TREAT HIM AFTER THAT FOR A LONG TIME; OF COURSE, NOT AFTER THE LAWSUIT WAS FILED, BUT FOR A LONG TIME HE WAS GETTING TREATED, AND WE WORKED WITH HIM TO, OR WATAUGA WORKED WITH HIM TO, TO, ACTUALLY TO GET THE SPECIAL ARM. THEY WROTE SPECIAL LETTERS FOR HIM. HE HAD AN AWFUL -- HIS LEG INJURY WAS SO BAD, IT TORE A LOT OF NERVES. YOU REMEMBER I WAS TELLING YOU IT WAS ONE OF THE WORST DISLOCATIONS, AND IT TORE NERVES. HE HAD A FOOT DROP, AND THEY WORKED WITH HIM ON THAT AND -- TO GET ALL THAT WORKED OUT; AND THEY WORKED WITH HIM TO GET HIS DEVICES AND ACTUALLY WENT TO BAT FOR HIM TO GET THE SPECIAL ARM.

NOW, WHEN I TOOK HIS DEPOSITION, HE SAID, I

NEVER USE IT. I JUST -- IT'S STUCK IN A BOX IN MY HOUSE.

I JUST -- I'M AFRAID I MIGHT GET IT WET, BUT I JUST NEVER

USE IT. I DON'T KNOW IF HE'S GOING TO TELL YOU SOMETHING

DIFFERENT, BUT I ANTICIPATE, AT LEAST THAT'S WHAT HE TOLD

US, HE JUST NEVER -- JUST KEPT IT IN A BOX, THIS VERY

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I ASKED HIM IF HE WAS WORKING. HE SAID, YEAH, T'M WORKING. HE WAS WORKING AT A PLANT UP IN SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA. AND I SAID, WELL, WHEN DID YOU START? TOLD ME. AND I SAID, WELL, HAD YOU NOT BEEN BACK TRYING TO WORK BEFORE THEN? HE SAID, WELL, MY LEG WAS REALLY BOTHERING ME SO BAD I GOT HOOKED ON PAIN PILLS, AND IT TOOK A WHILE TO GET STRAIGHTENED OUT FROM THAT; AND WHEN I DID, I WENT TO WORK; AND HE DID WORK THERE FOR ABOUT SEVEN MONTHS, I THINK, AS FAR AS I CAN TELL. I HAVE NOT DEPOSED HIM SINCE -- IT'S BEEN SIX OR SEVEN MONTHS AGO OR WHENEVER IT IS; BUT WHEN WE WERE TAKING THE DEPOSITION OF THE PERSON THAT PUTS THE DEVICES, THAT FITS THE DEVICES ON, HE SAID, OH, TREVOR HAS QUIT WORK. I SAID, WHAT? HE SAID, YEAH. AND SO HE'S NOT WORKING NOW. AND I THINK WHAT THE, WHAT THE RECORD WILL SHOW IS HE GOT APPROVED FOR DISABILITY. YOU CAN'T -- IF YOU WORK, YOU CAN'T DRAW FULL DISABILITY, SO HE'S QUIT WORK. HE'S DOING THAT NOW. SO THAT IS AS MUCH AS I KNOW THAT I CAN TELL YOU ABOUT THAT RIGHT NOW. WE'LL SEE HOW IT COMES OUT AS WE PROCEED IN

THIS TRIAL. THANK YOU FOR LISTENING. I KNOW IT'S BEEN TOO LONG, I APOLOGIZE, BUT THERE'S A LOT OF COMPLICATED STUFF IN HERE. IF YOU WAIT TO HEAR ALL OF IT, I HOPE YOU RETURN A VERDICT FOR THE DEFENDANT. THANK YOU. I CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A CORRECT TRANSCRIPT FROM THE RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS IN THE ABOVE-ENTITLED MATTER. KAREN J. BRADLEY/S 9/26/13 SIGNATURE OF COURT REPORTER DATE